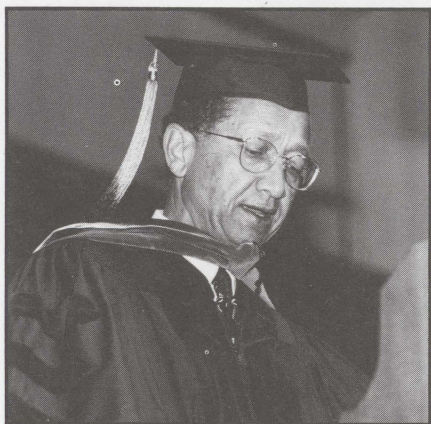


# On the Green

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## Spirits are high for Class of '97 at Gallaudet's 128th Commencement



Dr. Franklin Sonn, South African ambassador to the U.S., delivers the Commencement address.

By Mike Kaika

A cool and sunny May 16 provided a picture-perfect backdrop for the University's 128th Commencement exercises. Parents and friends of the 318 students who received their degrees, along with faculty and staff members of the University, filled the Field House and gave rousing applause as the former students marched out as alumni of Gallaudet.

At the Commencement exercises, 193 bachelor's degrees, 109 master's degrees, seven specialist degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences, and nine doctor of philosophy degrees—five from CAS and four from the School of Education and Human Services—were awarded. Forty-six students graduated cum laude.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were awarded to Dr. Franklin Abraham Sonn, Thomas Olof Berg, Dr. Gilbert Delgado, and Dr. Frank R. Turk. (See related story, page 1.)

In addition, Dr. Kay Meadow-Orlans, who will retire from Gallaudet in August 1997, was awarded professor emerita status. Meadow-Orlans has been a researcher-professor at Gallaudet since 1976. She was Graduate Research Institute scientist, director of the Infancy

Research Group, and has contributed significantly to numerous other GRI research projects. Meadow-Orlans also has an international reputation for exceptional research on the psychosocial development of deaf children.

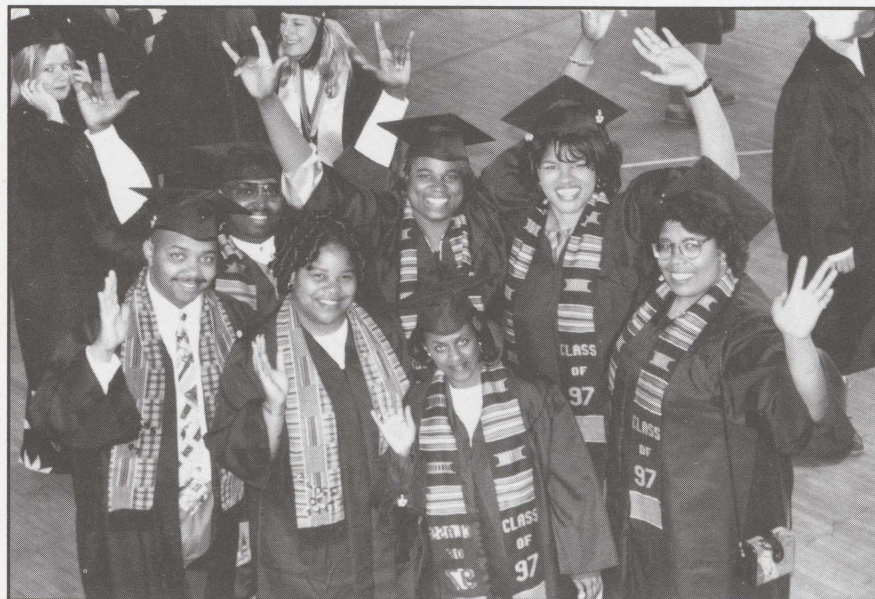
In his welcome to the Class of 1997, Gallaudet President I. King Jordan said, "Today is your day, and I hope you savor every moment of it. Gallaudet is proud of you and we are delighted to help you celebrate your accomplishments."

Dr. Jordan introduced the two students, an undergraduate and a graduate, who were chosen to address the audience as representatives of the graduating class.

James Brune, of Normandy Beach, N.J., who received a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in social work, said in his address, "We all had come in as first-year students and brought with us our spirit, energy, and enthusiasm as well as our diverse backgrounds and experiences." He added, "We were able to respect each other and work together to achieve mutual goals and not let diversity keep us apart. ... Now, as we graduate, we should look back and be proud of all that has been achieved during our years here. Gallaudet would not be such a wonderful place to learn and to meet such a wide variety of people if it was not for bright, motivated students like the members of the Class of 1997."

Maribel Garate, of San Benito, Texas, who gave the address from the graduate class, is the first person in the history of Gallaudet to earn two master's degrees—elementary education and ASL linguistics—simultaneously. In her address, she said, "This University stands here as a testament of the efforts of those who came before us and stretched the limits imposed upon them. They

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The excitement and anticipation of graduation are reflected on the faces of these members of the Class of '97.

## Noted leaders receive honorary degrees

Honorary doctor of laws degrees were awarded to four outstanding leaders at Gallaudet's 128th Commencement exercises May 16.

The degrees from the University were conferred by President I. King Jordan to Dr. Franklin Abraham Sonn, South African Ambassador to the United States, who addressed the Class of '97; and Gallaudet alumni Thomas Olof Berg, Dr. Gilbert L. Delgado, and Dr. Frank R. Turk.

In reading the citation for Sonn's degree, Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson noted that the University is honoring a man "whose continuing presence and influence will have a marked impact on the 21st century."

Through his long career as an educator in South Africa, Sonn helped positively shape the lives of countless young people. He was also a community activist who reached out to all segments of society, a rector of the Peninsula Technikon, a CEO of the largest company led by black people on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, and a former personal advisor to President Jimmy Carter, who monitored the Zambian elections.

"Ambassador Sonn stands before us today as the genuine personification of his nation and its heroic leader, Nelson Mandela," said Dr. Anderson. "The ambassador's profound knowledge of his people contributes a unique and significant dimension to diplomatic and international understanding, and the world community has gained a gentleman, an educator, and a man of uncommon wisdom and perspective."

Sonn was hooded by Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Relations Lindsay Dunn and Board of Trustees mem-

ber Susan Dickinson.

Board of Trustees member Philip Bravin, who read Berg's citation, praised Berg, a 1944 graduate of the University, as "a devoted athlete, dedicated employee, and successful and compassionate coach and mentor."

Any mention of track and field at Gallaudet brings Berg's name immediately to mind, said Bravin. During his undergraduate days at Gallaudet and during the three decades he served as track coach, Berg "almost singlehandedly made track a prominent sport on Kendall Green," said Bravin. For example, during his junior year in 1943, Berg set a Gallaudet record in the javelin throw that stood for 35 years.

Berg's devotion to and knowledge of track led him to become the head coach five times in the World Games for the Deaf. During the 1981 games in Cologne, West Germany, he was the track and field coordinator.

Berg was equally respected and admired during his 21-year tenure as assistant dean of students at Gallaudet, where he was known as a compassionate and understanding person whose office was always open to anyone who wanted to see him. When he became director of Financial Aid, his office remained open. Countless Gallaudet graduates, said Bravin, "stayed in school and owe their success to Mr. Berg's efforts on their behalf. He not only showed them how to get financial support, he made sure they had emotional and academic support as well."

Berg was hooded by School of Management Dean Ronald Sutcliffe and Executive Director of Enrollment

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A celebratory mood prevails at the post-Commencement reception on Kendall Green.



## Jean Crabtree steps down from board; Vinton Cerf elected as new member

At the spring meeting of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees May 16, Chair Glenn Anderson announced that Jean McDermott Crabtree, who has served on the board for more than a decade, was retiring, effective May 1997. Dr. Anderson also announced that the board elected Dr. Vinton G. Cerf, senior vice president of Internet Architecture and Engineering Group for MCI Communications Corporation, as a trustee.

Crabtree was a founding member of the Committee on Development and chair of the board's annual giving effort that succeeded in achieving 100 percent participation in annual giving by the board and in the board pledging and contributing almost 10 percent of the total given by individuals to the campaign for renovating HMB. She was chair of the Compensation Committee and served for many years on both the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees.

Cerf, who is hard of hearing, served as the founding president of the Internet Society for many years, which earned him the name "Father of the Internet." He is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Association for Computing, the American Association for Advancement of Science, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Cerf is also the recipient of numerous awards and commendations in connection with his work on the Internet.

In another matter, Anderson announced that Gallaudet President I. King Jordan will receive the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education from U.S. President Bill Clinton July

13 at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. The award, named for CASE's second president, honors extraordinary service to education of national and/or international significance beyond service to a single institution or state. After the ceremony, Dr. Jordan and a panel of other outstanding educators will discuss points from Clinton's speech on higher education and respond to questions from the audience.

The board passed a motion to amend the Faculty Guidelines to create multi-level merit awards.

The revised merit system changes the awards from a two-tier system—"commendable," requiring a minimum of six points and an SCPI rating of at least Intermediate Plus, and "outstanding," requiring a minimum of eight points and an SCPI rating of at least Advanced—to one of multi-level merits. Consequently, a faculty member is now eligible for a merit increase of anywhere from four to nine points with an SCPI rating of Intermediate Plus or better. The merit lump sum would be the number of points times the base dollars per point for each rank.

The board commended a presentation by Director of Academic Technology Trent Batson, University Librarian John Day, and Department of Educational Foundations and Research Chair Cynthia King to the board's Academic Affairs Committee on applying technology to pedagogy at Gallaudet. The report covered work to date and plans for the near future, including interdivisional collaboration to upgrade the infrastructure, expanding technologies for academic purposes, and supporting training for

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## Speakers praise Gallaudet experience

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refused to sit and be satisfied, and, in doing so, have allowed us to become the benefactors of the world. We are Gallaudet graduates. We are the carriers of the legacy passed to us by [Laurent] Clerc and those who have spanned the ages between him and us, and we are accountable for what we pass on to those who follow."

After Sonn, the South African Ambassador to the United States, was awarded his honorary degree, Jordan introduced him as this year's Commencement speaker.

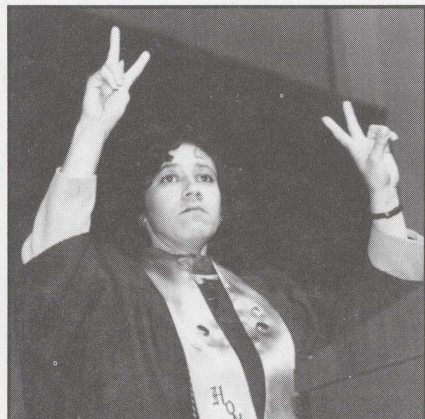
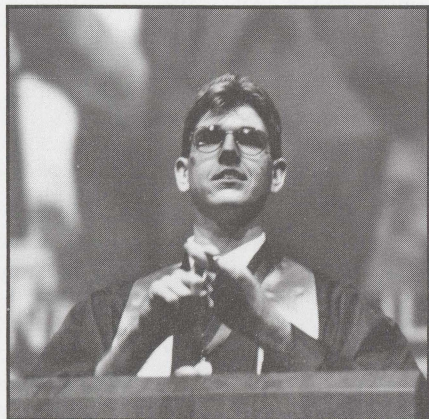
Sonn, who has an extensive background in the field of education, commended Gallaudet for its history in educating deaf and hard of hearing people and emphasized the rights of deaf people to have their own language.

"Deaf people have developed a

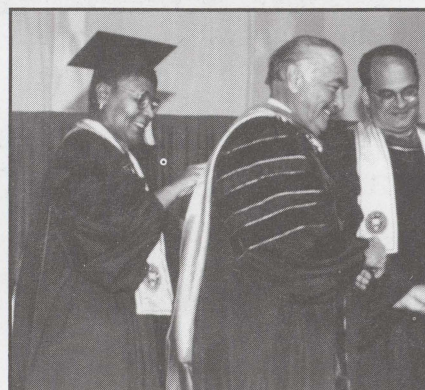
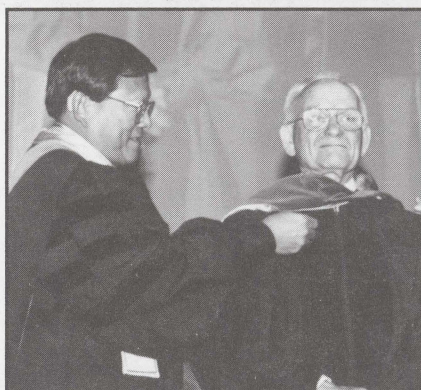
language and a University here in Washington," said Sonn. "This language must be recognized as any other language in the wide diversity of society. It must not be devalued. In fact, to devalue sign language is discriminatory and demeaning to deaf people."

Sonn praised Gallaudet for its efforts to establish the identity of deaf people as "different, yet equal." The University, said Sonn, "affirms the fact that deaf people can perform the double task of translating materials designed for the hearing to a form easily accessible to the deaf and then to go on to teach the same levels as the hearing. It affirms sign language and presents the University as a fine example of the diversity of the American society."

Sonn ended his address by declaring, "May God bless Gallaudet."



James Brune and Maribel Garate represent the Class of '97 at Commencement.



(Clockwise from top left): South African Ambassador to the United States Franklin Sonn is hooded by Board of Trustees member Susan Dickinson and Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Relations Lindsay Dunn; Thomas Berg is hooded by School of Management Dean Ronald Sutcliffe and Executive Director of Enrollment Services Astrid Goodstein; Dr. Gilbert Delgado is hooded by Board of Trustees members Angela Jorge-Quinones and Ken Levinson; Dr. Frank Turk is hooded by Board of Trustees member John Yeh and Trustee Emeritus Frank Sullivan (behind Turk).

## Four honorary doctor of laws degrees awarded

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Services Astrid Goodstein.

In reading Delgado's citation, School of Education and Human Services Dean William McCrone praised Delgado, a member of the Class of '54, as a man "who has devoted his entire professional life to the field of deafness and deaf people, and done so in ways that are singularly distinguished."

Delgado's illustrious career includes serving as dean of the Graduate School and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs at Gallaudet. During his 17-year tenure, graduate programs grew and prospered. Delgado's multilingual skills and knowledge of the field of deafness along with his teaching and management skills contributed greatly to the University's international outreach activities. In 1988, Delgado was appointed superintendent of the New Mexico School for the Deaf, where he served until his recent retirement.

Delgado was hooded by Board of Trustees members Angela Jorge-Quinones and Ken Levinson.

The occasion of presenting an honorary doctoral degree to Turk, a 1952 Gallaudet alumnus, celebrates his "exceptional lifelong commitment to service to the deaf community," said School of Undergraduate Studies Dean Stephen Weiner. In reading Turk's citation, Weiner described him as "an energetic teacher, a thoughtful counselor, and a 'no excuses' mentor" who encouraged several generations of deaf leaders.

When Turk was recruited to lead the Junior National Association of the Deaf in 1964, it had only 15 chapters. When he stepped down 16 years later, more than 200 chapters were thriving.

While serving Gallaudet in a number of teaching and administrative capacities for 37 years, Turk earned his doctoral in counseling and student development at American Univer-

sity. He then became superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf, and two years later he became director of the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. With Turk's support, parents of deaf children in North Carolina formed the Statewide Parents' Education and Advocacy for Kids Program. North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt once boasted that Turk helped the state become a "national model for quality educational and human services to deaf and hard of hearing people." Turk has the distinction of being the only deaf person in North Carolina history to be named State Manager of the Year.

Turk was hooded by Board of Trustees member John Yeh and Trustee Emeritus Frank Sullivan.



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## Fisher stresses strength of community

The strength and support that communities offer to each of its members is essential for their survival. It is true for the deaf community, and it is true for the legions of people who have AIDS.

Building and maintaining a community where each person takes personal responsibility in preventing AIDS, providing education about the virus, and having compassion for those with AIDS was the message shared with the Gallaudet community by Mary Fisher, a noted AIDS activist and an HIV-positive mother of two children.

Fisher's May 1 presentation in Elstad Auditorium was part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series for the spring semester. She was introduced by Steve Gunderson, a former member of both the House of Representatives and Gallaudet's Board of Trustees, and a current member of the University's Board of Associates.

Fisher opened her talk by expressing her admiration for Gallaudet, which she said "represents one of the most amazing and resilient communities in America. As an institution, you are evidence that to be deaf is merely to be different, not to be 'less than.'"

But there is a matter that troubles her. "I am concerned because, historically, your community and mine have hardly known one another." Statistics are not kept on how many people in the AIDS community are deaf or hard of hearing, said Fisher. And the actual numbers are not as important, she added, as realizing that the virus causing AIDS is not particular about a person's race or gender or political affiliation or hearing status; its only interest is in human beings.

In the six years that have passed since Fisher first learned that she has AIDS, profound changes have taken place, especially the reports of new drugs that are giving new

hope to people with the virus. But the AIDS community, said Fisher, "is not celebrating. And the reason is, what is at stake today isn't merely our health but our community."

Fisher compared the community at Gallaudet with the AIDS community. "Some of you have lived in other times and places where to be deaf was to be excluded; when you came here and were embraced because you belonged, you experienced 'community' as you had never experienced it before," she said. "I know, because I have crossed a similar border from one community to another."

Even with the medical advances to fight AIDS, there is still no cure, and the chances for survival remain slim. "Internationally, given the availability, the cost, and the success rates of new drugs, we face a future in which only those with good body chemistry, good bank accounts, and good citizenship may survive," said Fisher. "Of 100 passing pilgrims on the road to AIDS today, perhaps three will be saved."

It is up to scientists to find a cure for AIDS, said Fisher, but it is the responsibility of each person to build a community.

"You have in Mary Fisher a tremendous admirer of Gallaudet University," the activist said. "I am eager not only to learn your language but to build of those infected with AIDS a community as sound and as respected as the community you have built here." She added, "If one thing bonds us within our communities, it is compassion; and if one thing destroys it, it is prejudice."

Fisher issued a plea to everyone in the audience that they raise the message of awareness needed to protect the deaf community from AIDS. "When you teach those who are young to speak with their hands, teach them also to protect themselves," she said.

In turn, Fisher pledged to advocate for interpreters. "I will remind those who plan and manage America's health care systems that the deaf and their families deserve services in their own language and inferior to none, and I will do all I can to link those who are deaf and have AIDS so that they know the meaning of community as fully as those who are deaf and do not have AIDS. Yet."

## SHS sets summer hours

Gallaudet Student Health Service's summer hours, which are now being observed, are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. SHS will be closed weekends and for the Independence Day holiday. All emergencies should be directed to the Department of Safety and Security.

SHS is available during the summer for enrolled students who have paid the health fee. All others, including faculty, staff, visitors, and transitional students, are not eligible for routine services at SHS.

For faculty and staff, on-the-job injuries will be handled in the same manner as they are during the regular academic year (i.e., Worker's Compensation).

For more information, contact Mary Brennan, SHS director, x5090.

## Board meets May 16

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faculty, staff, and students.

The renovation of 31,000 square feet of Chapel Hall was approved by the board. The project, which will mainly update the historical building's mechanical system, such as the plumbing and air conditioning, as well as create new office space, is expected to be completed by the fall of 1998. At this time, the Admissions Office and the Financial Aid Office plan to move to Chapel Hall when the renovations are made.

In addition, the board approved the appointment of John Damonti to the University's Board of Associates. Damonti is the president of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and director of Corporate Contributions for the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. The foundation is a major funding source of biomedical research, women's health education, and math and science education.

## Photography show set

The Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I St., N.W., will feature a photography show by students from Gallaudet and American Universities in its M&M Gallery June 1-29. For information, call (202) 331-7282, ext. 23.

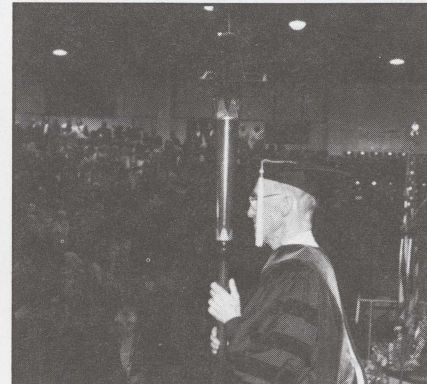
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Graduate Zhou Fang, his wife, Xiao Hong Fang, students Hang Zhang (left) and Jenny Lam (second right), and friend Joe Cheung (right) sign 'Zhou graduated' backwards.



Two graduates use a popular expression to summarize their college experience.



Dr. Edward Beasley, macebearer, leads the procession into the Field House.



Graduates celebrate completion of their college degrees by passing out cigars.

## Personnel Notes

### Service awards for April:

#### Five Years:

Steven Collins, ASL, Linguistics, and Interpreting; Mary Lightfoot, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; Susan Shimko, International Center on Deafness

#### Ten Years:

William Humm, Office of the Director, Information Systems and Computer Support, PCNMP; Brian Thomas, Maintenance Services

#### Fifteen Years:

Kim Craig, Transportation; Levern McFadden, Grounds Services; Estelle Mitchell, Transportation

#### Twenty Years:

Benjamin Baylor, Physical Education and Recreation; Bernard Holt, Safety and Security

#### Thirty Years:

Julian Casey, Transportation

#### New employees hired in April:

Clark Brooke, liaison, Student Development Office; Susan Burke, senior grant contracts specialist, Office of Sponsored Programs; Deborah Curtis, custodian, Physical Plant; Michelle Jefferson, administrative secretary I, Office of the Director, Training and Professional Development, PCNMP; Brent Klassen, cashier, Cashier's Office; Rita Ribera, teacher's aide, Parent-Infant/Pre-School

## Obituaries

### Marilyn Joanne Turk

Marilyn Joanne Turk, a lifelong advocate for deaf and hard of hearing people, died May 31 after a 15-month bout with cancer. Turk, 66, lived in Frederick, Md., with her husband, Dr. Frank R. Turk.

Locally, Turk contributed countless hours of service to the deaf communities in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Carolina, and the Washington, D.C., area. Nationally, she worked with the National Association of the Deaf and with the Junior NAD.

A memorial service for Turk was held on June 9 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Md.

(Note: The information in this article was provided by TFA news service reports.)

### George Edward Muth

George Edward Muth, chair of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1982 and a former trustee emeritus of the board, died May 19 at Sunnyside Presbyterian Community in Harrisonburg, Va. He was 90.

Muth was also a trustee at his alma mater, George Washington University, where he received a law degree. He was a patent lawyer in Washington until 1936, when he became president and treasurer of George F. Muth Company, which he managed until 1972 when the business was sold.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Lydagene Black Muth of Harrisonburg.



# Undergraduate Awards Day, 'Recognizing the Community of Excellence,' observed

Committee C's (Faculty and Student Affairs) annual Undergraduate Awards Day "Recognizing the Community of Excellence" ceremony took place in Chapel Hall on April 29. The following students and faculty were recognized for outstanding achievement:

**Alumni Scholarship Awards**  
**Deaf President Now Scholarship**—David Kurs and Jennifer Yost; **Earl T. Higgins Memorial Scholarship**—Michelle Mulligan; **Kappa Gamma International Scholarship**—(Senior) Matthew Schwerin, (Junior) Raymond Merritt, (Sophomore) Christian Wojnar, (Freshman) Eric LeFors; **Linwood Smith Scholarship Awards**—(Undergraduates) Respicius Batamula, Jimmie Dixon, Tara Miles, (Graduate) Dominique McLaughlin; **Phi Kappa Zeta Alumni Scholarship**—(Senior) Stefanie Ellis, (Junior) Vonnice Basham, (Sophomore) Marie Shook; **Catherine Bronson Higgins Scholarship**—Leslie Hussey

**Academic Department Awards**  
**Ralph Miller Sr. Art Award**—Joann Greegor; **Excellence in Ceramics**—Jess Marlowe; **Female Athlete of the Year**—Ronda Jo Miller; **Male Athlete of the Year**—Patrick Deas, Ronnie Robinson; **GUAA Athletic Award**—Heather Van Zee, Ronnie Robinson; **Charles R. Ely Chemistry Award**—Tyra McConnell; **Freshman Chemistry Award**—Annora Chamochumbi; **Clare Booth Luce Foundation Scholarship**—Stacy Abrams; **Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing Award**—(Senior) Matt Lockhart, (Junior) Carl Denney, (Sophomore) Paul Simmons; **MacDougall Creative Writing Award**—(first place) Pamela Wright, (second place) Carl Denney, Vivienne Simmons, Beth Szymanski, Sara Stallard, (third

place) Tyrone Giordano, Margie English; **Harry M. and Margaret V. Evans Journalism Award**—Terry Giansanti; **German Embassy Book Award**—William Crites, Sherry Crawford; **Phi Sigma Iota Award**—Stacey Scarba, Edward Tagge, Rebecca Gonzales; **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War's President Abraham Lincoln Award**—Christopher Woodfill; **Leon Auerbach Freshman Math Award**—Hideo Hayakawa, Jon Ikeda, Kai Ng, Kiera Rejholec; **Dorothy Hamberg Memorial Leadership Award**—Lloyd Lindley; **Outstanding Psychology Major Award**—Stefanie Ellis; **Wall Street Journal Award**—Makur Aciek; **Academic Excellence Award**—Urszula Cegielnik, Sam Hawk; **Joe Mattivi Scholarship**—David Kurs; **Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants' Scholarship**—Andrea Sailsbery; **D.C. Area Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants' Outstanding Senior Woman Student Award**—Karen Baker; **First Year Student Award**—Andrea Garff, Michael Smith, Kim Haberlie, Scott Plummer, Jon Ikeda, Kiera Rejholec, Paul Simmons, Jane Richardson; **First Year Student Advocate Award**—John Parker Kennedy; **Outstanding ELI Student Award**—Maher Abu-Khader, Fadi Abu-Shaaban, Zhou Fang, Mizue Makabe, Daniel Deschenes; **Dorothy Polakoff Award for Academic Excellence**—James Brune; **Professional Development Award**—Diane Lux; **Student Affairs Dedicated Staff Award**—Brenda Keller; **Student Affairs Dedicated Faculty Award**—Kitty Baldrige; **Student Affairs Student of the Year Award**—David Simmons; **Outstanding All-Around Television Student Award**—

Joseph Josselyn; **Excellence in Photography Student of the Year Award**—Johanna Kumlin, Valdez Robinson; **Hall of Fame Image Award**—Mark Avino; **Outstanding Student of Music**—Tara Miles; **Academic Advising/Career Center Joe Mattivi Internship Stipend Award**—Terry Giansanti

**Student Organization Awards**  
**Teacher of the Year Award**—Dr. Donald Ammons; **"Jonathan Hall" Man of the Year Award**—Andy Brinks; **Mother of the Year Award**—Sarah Doleac; **Alpha Sigma Pi Student Scholarship**—(Senior) Dana Miller, (Junior) Stacy Abrams, (Sophomore) Travis Imel, (Freshman) Lori Schmidt; **Buff and Blue Merit Key Award**—Terry Giansanti; **Man of Merit Award**—Bob Daniels; **Woman of Worth Award**—Kitty Baldrige; **Ideal Male Student Award**—Jeremy Meinhardt; **Ideal Female Student Award**—Kimberly Kause; **Agatha Tiegel Hanson Award**—Melissa Yingst; **Leonard M. Elstad Award**—Jackson Busenbark; **Tower Clock Dedication**—Carl Pramuk; **Andrew M. Lowitz Memorial Awards**—Sabrina Lankenau, Timothy Trotto; **Andrew M. Lowitz Volunteer of the Year Award**—Lisa Rose; **Barbara Schell Award**—Angela Brown-Greer; **Faculty/Staff of the Year Award**—Carl Pramuk; **Julia J. Chung Memorial Award**—Melissa Yingst; **Stanley Benowitz Award**—Corey Gember; **Student Worker of the Year Award**—Lissette Molina; **Phi Alpha Pi Honorary Society Awards**—Stacy Abrams, James Brune, Emilie Butler, Megan Clancy, Jonathan Dow, Stefanie

Ellis, Chad Entinger, Joann Greegor, Jonathan Guinta, Jennifer Herbold, Melissa Herzig, David Kurs, James Johnson, Jonathan Lamberton, Glenn Lockhart, Jess Marlowe, Tyra McConnell, Carrie Nichols, Molly O'Hara, Dina Raevsky, Champika Ratnamalala, Anne Raymond, Thomas Roberts, Elizabeth Rotter, Andrea Sailsbery, Stacey Scarba, Davina Snow, Matthew Staben, Suzanne Stecker, Candace Stone, Heather Sullivan, Damien Thompson, Donald Vice, Chester Virnig, Christopher Woodfill

**Special Awards**  
**Agatha T. Hanson Service Award**—Stefanie Ellis; **Olof Hanson Service Award**—Joseph Josselyn; **Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Awards**—Terrence Davidson, Anna van Kampen, David Simmons; **Charles R. Ely Scholarship Award for Women**—Champika Ratnamalala; **President's Council Award**—Sean Virnig; **Reginald Lewis Award**—James Johnson; **Thomas S. Marr Award**—Jess Marlowe, Myra Yanke; **Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities**—Stacy Abrams, Makur Aciek, Michael Boucher, James Brune, Emilie Butler, Jimmie Dixon, Stefanie Ellis, Chad Entinger, Joann Greegor, Amy Gregurich, Amber Havers, Jennifer Herbold, Melissa Herzig, Koon Wei Ho, Leslie Hussey, Kelly Shin Kim, Jonathan Lamberton, Elizabeth Lucey, Carrie Nichols, Champika Ratnamalala, Andrea Sailsbery, Stacey Scarba, Naomi Sheneman, Debbie Sicoli, Davina Snow, Suzanne Stecker, Winifred Tunison, Chester Virnig, Sean Virnig, Christopher Woodfill, Myra Yanke

## Graduate School hosts annual ceremony

The Graduate School hosted its annual Hooding and Awards Ceremony, May 15, featuring an address by Dr. Gilbert Delgado, G-'54, whose distinguished career includes serving as dean of the Graduate School and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs at Gallaudet. Delgado also received an honorary doctoral degree from Gallaudet during Commencement exercises the following day to recognize his many accomplishments.

Faculty members in each of the graduate programs bestowed hoods upon the students receiving master's degrees. Six Ph.D. students: Dr. Gina Rehkemper and Dr. Lisa Ann Marshall in the Department of Psychology; Dr. Claudia Pagliaro in the Department of Education; and Dr. Sheryl Cooper, Dr. Louise Tripoli, and Dr. Karen Wong-Chin in the Department of Administration and Supervision were also recognized. They received their hoods during Commencement.

Also, faculty and students who have made outstanding contributions to their fields and to the Gallaudet community were given awards. The awards portion of the program began with the Department of Education presenting the Marjorie Stull Award to Melissa Preston, a first-year student who has demonstrated ability and aptitude in teaching deaf students. The Daniel T. Cloud Award for outstanding achievement went to Kevin Kovacs and Kelly Crain. The Philip J. Schmitt Memorial Fund, established to promote scholarship, went to Nadine Brubaker and Patricia Williams. The Helen Fay Award was given to Maribel Garate, the student considered most likely to make significant contributions to the field of teaching deaf students.

The Department of Counseling presented the Richard M. Phillips Award to Lisa Santomen for her contributions to the training of new counselors and for her achievements in counseling. The Outstanding Counseling Student Award went to Lauralynn Helms.

The Department of Administration

and Supervision presented its Thomas J. Landers Award to Maricar Marquez, the student deemed most likely to make a significant contribution to the profession of special education administration.

The School of Communication Award was given to Maribel Garate, the student most likely to create change or have an impact in this field.

The Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology presented its Seltzer League Award to Julie Hanson and Amy Conroy. Both women were chosen for their demonstrated academic and clinical skills.

Two awards were given by the ASL, Linguistics and Interpretation Department. Tom Piccin and Mary Rose received honors as outstanding graduating students, and Eric Darius received the Ron Coffey Award for being an exemplary student interpreter.

The Department of Psychology gave its Elizabeth Peet Award for outstanding work in school psychology to David Longo and its Larry Stewart Award for outstanding work in clinical psychology to Peter Hauser.

The G. Arlene Gavin Award was given to Tammy Johnson and Melissa Sternlieb of the Department of Social Work. The department also gave out a new award, the Catherine H. Moses Award for leadership and outstanding potential, to Darlene Wadler.

The Graduate Student Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing a graduate student who has been an exemplary contributor to his or her field went to Maribel Garate, who graduated with master's degrees in two separate programs—linguistics and education.

The Graduate Student Writing/Research Award, recognizing outstanding research projects or other written papers, went to Heidi Lasmanis and Arika Okrent.

Dr. David Martin, a professor in the Department of Education, received the Graduate Faculty Award for his many years of service to the department and for his contributions as dean of SEHS.

## Sonnenstrahl to open summer festival

By Audrey Wineglass

Dr. Deborah Sonnenstrahl, professor emerita, will open this summer's Deaf Entertainment and Arts Festival at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. Her presentation, "Who is Cadwallader Washburn: Deaf Artist, World Traveler, Journalist, and Gallaudet Alumnus," is scheduled for June 17 at 8 p.m.

Washburn was trained in graphic arts at the Minnesota School for the Deaf, where he was sent by his family in 1871 at age five shortly after he became deaf. His interest in art began when he drew an illustration for an article he was writing on etymology.

What began as a simple class assignment changed Washburn's life. He traveled to Europe and Africa to study art and its history, and as his skills grew, he attracted the attention of many famous artists of the day.

He also worked as a news correspondent during World War I. His work can be seen at the National Gallery of Art, the Library of Congress, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, at many other museums nationally and internationally, and at Gallaudet University.

Washburn graduated from Gallaudet in 1890 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The University also conferred an honorary Doctor of Science degree on him in 1924. Gallaudet further recognized Washburn's accomplishments by naming the Washburn Arts Building after him when the building was dedicated in 1969.

Sonnenstrahl was chair of Gallaudet's Art Department for six years, and she has been a part of the department as a professor or student for the last 35 years. She is credited with bringing superb deaf artists like Washburn into the forefront of art history by showcasing their talents. She is writing a book on deaf American artists that will include a chapter on Washburn's life and his contributions to the deaf community and to the art world.

The other events slated for the

summer Deaf Entertainment and Arts Festival are as follows:

- June 24—"The Bill Ennis Comedy Hour"
- July 1—"Dramatic Sketches" by Willy Conley
- July 8—"A Black Deaf Man: Who Am I?" by Fred Beam
- July 15—"It Runz in My Family" by Evon Black-Robinson
- July 22—"That's Life!" by Mark Morales

All performances begin at 8 p.m. in Swindells Auditorium. Voice interpretation will be provided. Admission is \$5 per person. The event is sponsored by the Office for Summer Programs, Sign Language, and Professional Studies, and is coordinated by University Conference Management.

## Classified Ads

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking female roommates to share furnished/unfurnished rooms in townhouse near Franconia and Van Dorn Metros, \$375/mo. incl. some util, must have own transportation and like cats, no more pets. Call Dyanne, (703) 313-9114.

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